

On page 3, please amend the paragraph starting at line 3 as follows:

94 Meanwhile, dry air is supplied from the first inlet 302. The dry air from the first inlet 302 flows outside of the hollow fiber membranes forming the bundle of hollow fiber membranes. Because the moisture separated from the moist air has moved outside of the hollow fiber membranes, the moisture humidifies the dry air. The humidified dry air is then discharged from the first outlet 303.

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On page 2 please amend the paragraph starting at line 10 as follows:

95 However, in the conventional humidifier 300 shown in Fig. 14, the first air inlet 302 which introduces the dry air is formed on the housing 301 at the side near the center of the lengthwise direction thereof. For this reason, as shown in the black arrow of Fig. 14, the dry air flowing outside of the hollow fiber membranes in the bundle 304 of the hollow fiber membrane stored within the housing 301 flows the central portion in the lengthwise direction within the housing 301. Consequently, the areas S residing near the ends of the bundle 304 of the hollow fiber membranes do not contribute to the exchange of water in a sufficient manner and, thus there is a problem that the ratio of moisture recovery at such portions unduly low in relative to the permeable water within the hollow fiber membranes.

### **IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Please replace the current Abstract of the Disclosure with the new Abstract of the Disclosure shown on a separate sheet.